

House Resolution No. 2835

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious institutions that have proven down through the years to be admirable components of local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual, educational, and service programs; and

Whereas, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri, was chartered on October 5, 1958; initially met in an old two story house located along Kansas Expressway; and called the Reverend John R. Tranbarger as its first pastor to begin serving on February 1, 1959; and

Whereas, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church broke ground for its current facility on August 21, 1960; began a second phase of construction in 1964 that included a sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, and offices; and recently added a fellowship center and renovated the rest of its building; and

Whereas, when the Reverend John Tranbarger retired after thirty-six years of service, the Reverend Davis Young served as interim pastor from May 1995 to December 1996 followed by the Reverend Kent L. Hollingsworth, who began his ongoing ministry at Hillcrest on January 1, 1997; and

Whereas, the nearly one hundred fifty members of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church are a caring congregation with strong involvement in local, national, and international missions; and

Whereas, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church is universally praised for its activities related to Angel Food Ministries, Crosslines, Meals on Wheels, a collection of food, coats, and stuffed animals for distribution to those in need, an annual Thanksgiving dinner, the Christmas "Adopt a Family" program, a Community Ham and Bean Dinner, Alcoholics Anonymous, mission trips, low-income housing, a nursery, Vacation Bible School, soup kitchens, and senior care centers; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its constitutionally mandated legislative actions in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Show-Me State religious institutions as Hillcrest Presbyterian Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Hillcrest Presbyterian Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Shane Schoeller
District No. 139

Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2835, adopted May 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker